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1. An SMA order directed that the Brandenburg grain crop was to be harvested in the following percentages during the summer and fall months:

July	5%
August	35%
September	30%
October	20%
November	10%

It was expressly stated that the harvesting is not to interfere with fall plantings.

2. The agricultural plan for the economic year of 1947/1948 has been distributed in Brandenburg. Of a total of 892,000 hectares to be tilled, 325,000 will be planted with winter rye, 190,000 with potatoes, 150,000 with oats, 25,000 with vegetables, and the remaining 202,000 with different types of root vegetables.
3. In various parts of the Russian Zone detention camps have been established where dissident workers and farmers who have expressed dissatisfaction with quota requirements are confined. Political instruction is given in these camps by trained SED teachers, and the prisoners are not released until they have proved themselves good SED members. The first of these camps was opened in the former police school in Leipzig.
4. Owners of moving picture theatres in Leipzig and Halle have reported a request from Sovexport-Filmverleih that two-thirds of the films which they engage be Russian and one third German and that French, English, and American productions be eliminated entirely from their programs during the next three years. The proprietors of the theatres refused the request on the grounds that such a policy would be harmful to business. They now expect, however, that the Russians will resort to force, and some even fear that they will be dispossessed.

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Field Comment: All moving picture theatres in the state of Mecklenburg have recently been expropriated by vote of the Landtag. Government officials explained that the state had previously owned only those cultural enterprises which were in constant need of grants of funds, while those operating profitably remained in the hands of private business. The proprietors themselves were told that they had supported the Third Reich by the showing of Nazi films and had thereby forfeited their rights of ownership.

5. State-controlled businesses in Thuringia number 384; of these the state actually owns 329, has a controlling interest in 14, and holds shares in the remainder. Thirty of the 359 enterprises originally confiscated by the state have been returned to their former owners. The following list shows the distribution of the 329 state-owned enterprises among the various branches of industry:

Metal-working industry	106
Electrical industry	56
Chemistry	41
Construction and wood	38
Textiles	40
Glass	22
Porcelain	13
Mining	7
Transportation	6

Ten percent of these businesses have fewer than ten employees; fifty-nine percent have eleven to one hundred employees; twenty-seven percent have one hundred and one to five hundred employees; and four percent have more than five hundred employees.

Field Comment: This information supplements that given in a previous report on state-owned enterprises in the Russian Zone; however, the figures given above do not agree with those in the earlier report.

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